had cut hundreds of trees around historical 'Lal Quila' posing a serious threat to the environment;

(b) whether Government are also aware that Hon'ble Supreme Court of India had restrained A.S.I. from disturbing *status quo* of 'Lal Quila';

(c) if so, the reasons for such large scale cutting of trees;

(d) whether Government have taken any action in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (e) The pruning/trimming of about 50 trees were carried out in the Red Fort in connection with the celebration of Republic Day, in order the facilitate the smooth flow of tableaux and safety of the contingents. However, the pruning in some cases was in excess of actual requirement. An inquiry was conducted in the matter and departmental action has been initiated. Under the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, an Expert Committee has been constituted to prepare a Conservation Management Plan for the Red Fort, and to decide upon the immediate step to be taken for safeguarding the monument, pending finalization of the Plan.

Strikes and lockouts in PSUs

2637. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Sector Companies having faced lockouts or strikes in the last three years;

(b) which of these companies are found to be chronically sick;

(c) whether Government would take the help of private industry to turn around companies that have potential for revival;

(d) which of these companies have been referred to the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enerprises (BRPSE);

(e) whether the Board has advised the Government on disinvestment/ closure/sale of any of these companies; and

(f) if so, the details of these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a), (b) and (d) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) of the Government stipulates that every effort will be made to modernize and restructure sick public sector companies and revive sick industry and in doing so, private industry would be inducted in suitable cases to turn around companies that have potential for revival.

Losses in PSUs

†2638. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Undertakings in operation under the administration control of his Ministry during the year 2004-05;

(b) the number of those undertakings which are running into losses;

(c) whether it is a fact that the cumulative losses of these undertakings have surpassed the capital invested therein; and

(d) the names of such industries and Government's policy for their future operations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Out of the 48 Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) under the administrative control of Department of Heavy Industries, 34 PSEs are in operation.

(b) As per the financial results for the year 2003-04, 25 PSEs out of 34 made losses.

(c) Yes Sir, accumulated losses of these PSEs have surpassed the capital investment therein.

(d) A list of such PSEs is given in the Statement (*See* below). As enunicated in National Common Minimum Programme, while every effort will be made to modernize and restructure sick Public Sector Companies

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